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OPA Daily Digest for 12/6/13

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None

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Environmental Stories:

Domestic Fuel - RFS is Working ... Why Are We Here? - 12/6/13 - So the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) should certainly be considered a success since it is doing many of the things it was projected to do. So that led to this question during the Environmental Protection Agency's hearing on the RFS in Arlington, Va.: "So why are we even here?" asked Jeff Oestmann with East Kansas Agri-Energy LLC, an ethanol producer with an approximately 45 million gallon per year operation in Garnett, Kansas.
<http://domesticfuel.com/2013/12/06/rfs-is-working-why-are-we-here/>

Des Moines Register - Iowans defend ethanol mandate in D.C. - 12/5/13 - From the farm to the governor's mansion, ethanol boosters from South Dakota and other Midwest states joined forces Thursday in Washington to defend their industry as the White House considers changes that could crimp future demand for the fuel. Branstad said he would speak in Washington later on Thursday with EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy to discuss the proposed cut.
<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20131206/BUSINESS01/312060046/>

Des Moines Register - Iowa View: Anti-ethanol campaign ignores facts - 11/6/13 - Unfortunately, these flawed attacks on ethanol and next-generation biofuels undermine America's effort to move forward with an aggressive, diversified energy policy that takes into account global demand, geopolitics and U.S. economic growth. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20131206/OPINION01/312060105/Iowa-View-Anti-ethanol-campaign-ignores-facts>

Reuters - Renewable fuel backers try to change EPA's mind at hearing - 12/6/13 - Iowa Governor Terry Branstad passionately defended the ethanol mandate, warning that reducing the quota would have an "unbelievable negative ripple effect all through rural America," and even tipping the Corn Belt into crisis. <http://in.reuters.com/article/2013/12/05/usa-biofuels-idINL2N0JK1SX20131205>

Radio Iowa - Iowans testify before the EPA on plan to cut ethanol requirement - 12/6/13 - Mark Wigans, a livestock producer from Renwick, says he tried to stress the economic impact of ethanol production that he says has helped keep unemployment in western Iowa low. "He was not asked anything beyond the statement he gave EPA officials. Wigans says, "Most of us farmers they didn't ask questions, they asked questions primarily to the policy wonks from the trade association."
<http://www.radioiowa.com/2013/12/06/iowans-testify-before-the-epa-on-plan-to-cut-ethanol-requirement/>

KTIV Ch. 4 Sioux City, Iowa - Branstad, Siouxland farmers testify at EPA hearing - 12/5/13 - Iowa Governor Terry Branstad and two northwest Iowa men are among 150 people in Washington making a case to keep the Renewable Fuel Standard as is.
<http://www.ktiv.com/story/24149483/2013/12/05/branstad-siouxland-farmers-testify-at-epa-hearing>

KOLN/KGIN Ch. 10/11 Lincoln, Neb. - Nebraska Farmers Testify Before EPA on Ethanol Changes (+video) - 12/5/13 - Could an EPA decision make it cost more for Nebraskans to fuel up at the pump? Oil companies and ethanol advocates both say yes, but for different reasons.
<http://www.1011now.com/home/headlines/Nebraska-Farmers-Testify-Before-EPA-on-Ethanol-Changes->

[234674581.html](#)

Feedstuffs - EPA gets earful at RFS public hearing - 12/6/13 - For over 12 hours Thursday, the Environmental Protection Agency held a public hearing that offered a platform for interested parties to present data, views and arguments on the proposal to lower the mandated volume obligations under the Renewable Fuels Standards for 2014. <http://feedstuffs.com/story-epa-gets-earful-rfs-public-hearing-45-105742>

Agriculture.com - EPA gets an earful on RFS - 12/5/13 - An EPA hearing in Arlington, Virginia Thursday on its proposal to roll back its mandate for blending ethanol and biodiesel into the nation's fuel supply next year drew bewildered opposition from corn farmers and the biofuels industry and faint praise from oil interest who said it didn't go far enough. http://www.agriculture.com/news/policy/epa-gets-earful-on-rfs_4-ar36006

Brownfield Ag News - EPA hears testimony on proposed RFS changes - 12/5/13 - Several panels testified both for and against the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed changes to the Renewable Fuels Standard. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/epa-hears-testimony-proposed-rfs/>

The Poultry Site - Volatility, Uncertainty Due to RFS Damaging, Says Chicken Council - 12/6/13 - National Chicken Council (NCC) president Mike Brown has called for a permanent Congressional fix at the EPA hearing on 2014 RFS Standards. <http://www.thepoultrysite.com/poultrynews/30836/volatility-uncertainty-due-to-rfs-damaging-says-chicken-council>

Wall Street Journal - Renewable Energy Group Leaders Testify at EPA Hearing on 2014 RFS Proposal - 12/5/13 - Leaders from Renewable Energy Group(R) (NASDAQ: REGI) joined more than two dozen biodiesel advocates in providing testimony at an Environmental Protection Agency hearing on the proposed 2014 Renewable Fuel Standard volumes. <http://online.wsj.com/article/PR-CO-20131205-911355.html>

National Association for Convenience & Fuel Retailing - NACS Participates in RFS Discussion - 12/6/13 - Industry stakeholders from ethanol, oil, livestock, environmental, biofuels, retail and consumer groups took part yesterday in a public hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) volume mandate for 2014. <http://www.nacsonline.com/News/Daily/Pages/ND1206131.aspx>

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San Antonio Express-News (Texas) - Renewable debate has EPA over a barrel - 12/6/13 - Scores of farmers, politicians, engineers and refiners on Thursday blasted the Obama administration's latest plan for renewable fuels, with Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad accusing the White House of caving to Big Oil and turning its back on rural America. <http://www.mysanantonio.com/business/eagle-ford-energy/article/Renewable-debate-has-EPA-over-a-barrel-5039614.php>

Boston Globe - Letter: This is no time to cut back on ethanol targets - 12/6/13 - Having grown up in Boston, I can understand why the Globe doesn't understand agriculture or ethanol. But having moved away and become familiar with those fly-over states, I now know farmers to be conscientious stewards of the environment looking for value-added markets that can provide feed, fiber, and fuel for all Americans. <http://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/editorials/2013/12/06/this-time-cut-back-ethanol-targets/eflSUlnhs1D0Rl1A1ntlgl/story.html>

The Hill (blog) - EPA fuel mandate imperils biofuel industry, producers warn - 12/6/13 - Advanced biofuel companies say plants will close, risking thousands of lost jobs, if the Environmental Protection Agency proceeds with its proposed renewable fuel mandate. <http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/192138-epa-fuel-mandate-imperils-biofuel-producers>

AgWired - RFS Hearing Goes 12 Hours, Draws Hundreds - 12/6/13 - Over 140 stakeholders testified at a hearing Thursday on the Environmental Protection Agency proposal to lower the biofuels targets under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) in 2014, and those opposed to the plan outnumbered those in favor by a ratio of more than two to one. <http://agwired.com/2013/12/06/rfs-hearing-goes-12-hours-draws-hundreds/>

Ag Professional - Potential impact of alternative RFS outcomes for 2014, 2015 - 12/6/13 - e have had a number of previous farmdoc daily posts discussing the potential problems in implementing the Renewable Fuels Standards (RFS) due to the expanding gap between the implied mandate for renewable biofuels (ethanol) and the E10 blend wall. <http://www.agprofessional.com/news/Potential-impact-of-alternative-RFS-outcomes-for-2014-2015-234605141.html>

ClimateWire - Weak RFS will lead to massive emissions spike -- trade group - 12/5/13 - U.S. EPA's controversial proposed revisions to the federal renewable fuel standard (RFS) could pump up to 35 million additional tons of carbon dioxide into the air from the transportation sector, according to a biotechnology trade group that will testify at a public hearing today. <http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059991327>

Environmental Leader - Frozen Food Industry Backs Fuel Standards, Biofuel Producers Blast EPA

Proposal - 12/6/13 - The American Frozen Food Institute has urged the EPA to enact its proposal to slash mandated corn ethanol production by 1.4 billion gallons in 2014 while the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) is warning the agency that the Renewable Fuel Standard proposal will hurt the biofuels industry. <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2013/12/06/frozen-food-industry-backs-fuel-standards-biofuel-producers-blast-epa-proposal/>

Right Side News - EPA Power Plant Regulations: A Backdoor Energy Tax - 12/6/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) proposed greenhouse gas regulations for new power plants, and forthcoming regulations for existing plants, will inflict higher energy costs on American families and businesses. <http://www.rightsidenews.com/2013120633560/life-and-science/energy-and-environment/epa-power-plant-regulations-a-backdoor-energy-tax.html>

National Journal - Green Groups Call on EPA, Interior to Regulate Methane - 12/6/13 - coalition of national and regional environmental organizations and public-health advocates are calling on the Environmental Protection Agency to draft regulations to limit methane emissions and asking the Interior Department to tighten existing regulations to control releases of the greenhouse gas. <http://www.nationaljournal.com/energy/green-groups-call-on-epa-interior-to-regulate-methane-20131205>

Iowa Farmer Today - Iowa coalition to sue over manure spills - 12/5/13 - A coalition of community, environmental and animal welfare organizations has sent a notice of intent to sue Illinois-based The Maschhoffs LLC over repeated discharges of hog manure to waterways from one of its Iowa factory farms. http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/regional/iowa-coalition-to-sue-over-manure-spills/article_5ee57790-5dcb-11e3-b197-0019bb2963f4.html

AgriTalk - EPA Attempts to Set the Record Straight - 12/6/13 - Mike Adams, the host of AgriTalk, treated the Farm Journal Forum 2013 audience to a live interview with Sarah Bittleman, senior agricultural counselor for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Jack Bobo, senior advisor for biotechnology for the U.S. State Department. The broadcast covered everything from climate change to environmental regulations.

http://www.agweb.com/article/epa_attempts_to_set_the_record_straight_NAA_Boyce_Thompson/http://www.agweb.com

Des Moines Register - Dubuque company plans large solar farm in eastern Iowa - 12/5/13 - A Dubuque company plans to build Iowa's largest array of solar panels, tripling the size of what is now the state's biggest solar setup. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/viewart/20131205/BUSINESS/131205004/Dubuque-company-plans-large-solar-farm-eastern-iowa>

Quad-City Times - Towboat salvagers work in frigid weather - 12/6/13 - Workers continue salvage operations Thursday on the towboat Stephen L. Colby on the Mississippi River at LeClaire. With a high temperature only in the 20s, The cold was slowing the work. http://qctimes.com/news/local/towboat-salvagers-work-in-frigid-weather/article_ccad585e-3f41-55f0-afdb-451ef60fca94.html

Lincoln Journal Star - Plan will give Lower Platte South NRD a road map for water use - 12/6/13 - A
January public hearing will gather comments on the findings of an 18-month study of water resources in the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District. http://journalstar.com/news/local/plan-will-give-lower-platte-south-nrd-a-road-map/article_e83707b2-c7e5-5f8d-980f-2ab404b87b50.html

St. Louis Business Journal - What 'shadow' expense are Ameren, Google bracing for? - 12/6/13 -
According to a report released Thursday by the nonprofit Climate Disclosure Project, 29 major U.S. companies are including an "internal carbon price" of up to \$60 per ton of emissions in their strategic plans. http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/morning_call/2013/12/what-shadow-expense-are-ameren.html

Fox News - Blowing money around? Wind subsidy under fire as Congress weighs extension - 12/5/13 -
A costly subsidy for wind energy producers is coming under fire as Congress weighs whether to extend it past Dec. 31, with a new study charging that it shifts millions from taxpayers to benefit a select few. <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/12/05/blowing-money-around-wind-subsidy-under-fire-as-congress-weighs-extension/>

Monett Times - Lawsuit with DNR described in Purdy Renewal meeting - 12/5/13 -
"We are in a lawsuit with the state of Missouri over non-compliance," said Purdy Mayor Steve Roden at a meeting of the Purdy Renewal Project on Nov. 21. Roden's comments shed light on months of closed meetings between members of the Purdy City Council and attorneys over the status of the city's sewer system. <http://www.monett-times.com/story/2030536.html>

Lexology - New OSHA emphasis program for EPA toxic chemicals release reporting industries - 12/4/13 -
OSHA has recently announced a new local emphasis program for health inspections of facilities known to have reported the use and "release" of chemicals defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Section 313 as "toxic chemicals." <http://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?q=56868a0b-3b94-4331-af15-7dca108b11fc>

Lincoln Journal-Star - Acting director chosen for state environmental department - 12/6/13 -
Pat Rice, a longtime administrator for the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, has been chosen as the agency's new acting director. http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/acting-director-chosen-for-state-environmental-department/article_75780497-977a-59cf-a97f-096a7aea206f.html

Huffington Post - Natural Gas Building Spree Cancels Out Emissions We Save From Leaving Coal Behind: Report - 12/5/13 -
Companies are so excited about cheap natural gas that they're on an expansion spree, which might undo some of the good we've done by switching to the cleaner fuel from coal, a new report says. <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/12/05/natural-gas->

[emissions_n_4392093.html](#)

E&E News Daily - ALEC drafting model resolutions that target carbon rules, solar - 12/5/13 - A right-leaning group of state legislators is targeting U.S. EPA's forthcoming rules for power plants' carbon dioxide emissions and backing utilities' call for users of rooftop solar panels to pay for using the electric grid, during a three-day summit in Washington, D.C. <http://www.eenews.net/stories/1059991328>

Midwest Energy News - FERC tells Congress pollution rules will hit Midwest hardest - 12/6/13 - Members of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission warned House members Thursday that energy reserves in the Midwest could be pinched the hardest when new U.S. EPA clean air rules take effect in 2016. <http://www.midwestenergynews.com/2013/12/06/ferc-tells-congress-pollution-rules-will-hit-midwest-hardest/>

ClimateWire - Growing corn can be done sustainably. So why isn't it? - 12/5/13 - The tri-state corner of Minnesota, South Dakota and Iowa is marked by rolling hills dotted with trees, a transition between the dry prairies and woodlands. Recently, it has become a laboratory for more sustainable corn, and one research team has found that the processes used can cut carbon emissions by more than half from the national average. <http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059991313/>

Environmental Leader - Can Hacking The Stratosphere Solve Climate Change? - 12/6/13 - The EPA and other federal agencies have released their 2013 Strategic Sustainability Performance Plans that outline steps the agencies will take to reduce carbon emissions and save energy. <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2013/12/06/epa-updates-sustainability-plan/>

BNA - EPA, Corps Say Benefits of Protecting Wetlands, Streams Far Outweigh Costs-12/6/13 - Subjecting an additional 3 percent of U.S. waters and wetlands to Clean Water Act regulation would yield nearly twice as much in benefits as it would cost affected industries, according to a cost-benefit analysis of a draft rule obtained by Bloomberg BNA. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38628352&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3x1p9h4&split=0

BNA - Coal-Fired Power Plant Closures Threaten Midwest Grid Reliability, FERC Members Say - 12/6/13 - A jump in coal-fired power plant closures, prompted by new environmental rules and conversion to cheap natural gas, appears likely to result in a shortage of electricity generation in the Midwest by 2016. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38628384&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3x8q4g3&split=0

BNA - Rule on Existing Power Plants Won't Require Carbon Capture Installation, Air Chief Says - 12/6/13 - Forthcoming regulations on carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants will not require the installation of carbon capture and sequestration technologies, the top air official at the Environmental

Protection Agency said.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38628358&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3x2k4x7&split=0

BNA - EPA Science Advisers Express Concerns On Review of Rule for New Power Plants -12/6/13 -

Members of the Environmental Protection Agency's Science Advisory Board expressed reservations Dec. 5 about whether the proposed new source performance standards for future power plants had properly followed peer-review guidelines.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38628365&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3x2q7z0&split=0

BNA - EPA Counters Briefs to Supreme Court Supporting Vacatur of Cross-State Rule -12/6/13 -

The Environmental Protection Agency challenged arguments of industry-labor groups and upwind states in support of an appeals court decision that vacated the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, telling the Supreme Court their arguments are flawed.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38628349&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3w2b7y0&split=0

Inside EPA - FERC Official Warns Of Utility MACT Reliability Concerns - 12/5/13 - Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Commissioner Philip Moeller is urging Congress to closely monitor potential adverse electric grid reliability impacts in 2015 and 2016.

<http://cleanenergyreport.com/201312052454945/Clean-Energy-Report-Blog/Clean-Energy-Wire/ferc-official-warns-of-utility-mact-reliability-concerns/menu-id-204.html>

Inside EPA - Advocates Say Alito's Recusal From CSAPR Suit Leaves Rule's Fate Unclear -12/5/13 -

Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito Jr. will likely recuse himself from litigation over EPA's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) emissions trading program, but the move does not resolve uncertainty over CSAPR's fate. <http://insideepa.com/201312052454997/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/advocates-say-alitos-recusal-from-csapr-suit-leaves-rules-fate-unclear/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Delays 'Upset' Emission Decision One Month -12/5/13 - EPA has reached a deal with environmentalists to delay by another month -- from May 15 to June 12 -- its long-pending response to advocates' petition asking the agency to scrap provisions in 36 states' air plans that exempt excess "upset" emissions during startup, shutdown and malfunctions (SSMs) from Clean Air Act penalties.

<http://insideepa.com/201312052454966/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/epa-delays-upset-emission-decision-one-month/menu-id-97.html>

Inside EPA - SAB Suggests Dropping Review Of CCS In Utility NSPS After EPA Pushback -12/5/13 -

Members of EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) are suggesting they will drop their earlier call to review the scientific and technological bases for the agency's decision to effectively mandate carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) in its greenhouse gas (GHG) rule for new power plants.

<http://insideepa.com/201312062455005/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/sab-suggests-dropping-review-of-ccs-in-utility-nsps-after-epa-pushback/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - Critics Urge EPA To Expand GHG Lifecycle Analysis For CCS Requirement -12/5/13 -
EPA is facing early calls from opponents of its greenhouse gas (GHG) rules to broaden its analysis of the GHG effects of carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) as a method of complying with its proposed rule governing new power plants. <http://insideepa.com/201312052454998/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/critics-urge-epa-to-expand-ghg-lifecycle-analysis-for-ccs-requirement/menu-id-95.html>

Environmentalists Defend CSAPR Cost-Benefit Criteria In High Court Fight -12/5/13 -
Environmentalists are defending EPA's use of cost-effectiveness criteria in its contested Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) interstate air pollution trading program ahead of Dec. 10 Supreme Court arguments over the rule. <http://insideepa.com/201312052454882/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/environmentalists-defend-csapr-cost-benefit-criteria-in-high-court-fight/menu-id-95.html>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

Media Advisory: Trailnet, EPA Launch St. Louis Environmental Justice Project – 12/6/13 – Contact:
David Bryan, 7433

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

12/9/13 – Region 7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

12/10/13 – Trailnet EJ Small Grant Event, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Brendan Corrazin, 7429

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12/13/13 – MDNR All Hands Meeting – Guest Speaker, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

12/16/13 – Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

12/16/13 – West Lake Landfill CAG Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Hattie Thomas, 7762

12/18/13 – Missouri Agribusiness Association Annual Convention, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

12/19/13 – Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office, Wendy Lubbe, 7551

DRA:

12/5-6/13 – Executive Management Council, Washington DC. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

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None

Other Events

AWMD

12/12/2013 – Attending outreach session with Iowa Utilities on Carbon Pollution Standards, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Mark Smith, 7876

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

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ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

None

SUPR

None

WWPD

12/9-12/13 – NPDES Program Improvements Strategy and Priority Meeting, EPA Region 5, Chicago, Ill. Contact: Glenn Curtis, 7726

12/9-12/13 – Sanitary Survey, Blackbird Bend Casino; Investigation and Compliance at various facilities in Nebraska, Sioux City, Iowa. Contact: Kim Willis, 7069

12/10/13 – Missouri Nutrient Reduction Strategy Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Bob Angelo, 7060

12/10/13 – Grand Lake Alliance Meeting, Joplin, Mo. Contact: Tabatha Adkins, 7128

12/10-11/13 – Iowa State Revolving Fund Review, Des Moines Iowa. Contact: Christopher Simmons, 7237, Nancy Healy, 7713

12/10/13 – Choteau Gateway Discussion with St. Louis Mayor, St. Louis, Mo. Contacts: Karen Flournoy, 7782, Kerry Herndon, 7286

12/11-12/13 – EPA/Iowa Department of Natural Resources Source Water Protection With Focus on Nutrients Workshop, Atlantic City, Iowa. Contact: Morris Holmes, 7421

12/10-11/13 – Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Set-Aside Review / Public Water System Supervision meeting, Des Moines, Ia. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

12/10-11/13 – University of Iowa Extreme Weather Conference, Des Moines, Ia. Contact: Stan Calow, 7410

12/16/13 – Environmental Protection Agency / Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Public Water System Supervision meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

12/18/13 – Area Wide Drinking Water Optimization meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

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Des Moines Register - Iowa View: Anti-ethanol campaign ignores facts - 11/6/13 - Unfortunately, these flawed attacks on ethanol and next-generation biofuels undermine America's effort to move forward with an aggressive, diversified energy policy that takes into account global demand, geopolitics and U.S. economic growth. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20131206/OPINION01/312060105/Iowa-View-Anti-ethanol-campaign-ignores-facts>

Reuters - Renewable fuel backers try to change EPA's mind at hearing - 12/6/13 - Iowa Governor Terry Branstad passionately defended the ethanol mandate, warning that reducing the quota would have an "unbelievable negative ripple effect all through rural America," and even tipping the Corn Belt into crisis. <http://in.reuters.com/article/2013/12/05/usa-biofuels-idINL2N0JK1SX20131205>

Radio Iowa - Iowans testify before the EPA on plan to cut ethanol requirement - 12/6/13 - Mark Wigans, a livestock producer from Renwick, says he tried to stress the economic impact of ethanol production that he says has helped keep unemployment in western Iowa low. "He was not asked anything beyond the statement he gave EPA officials. Wigans says, "Most of us farmers they didn't ask questions, they asked questions primarily to the policy wonks from the trade association."
<http://www.radioiowa.com/2013/12/06/iowans-testify-before-the-epa-on-plan-to-cut-ethanol-requirement/>

KTIV Ch. 4 Sioux City, Iowa - Branstad, Siouxland farmers testify at EPA hearing - 12/5/13 - Iowa Governor Terry Branstad and two northwest Iowa men are among 150 people in Washington making a case to keep the Renewable Fuel Standard as is.
<http://www.ktiv.com/story/24149483/2013/12/05/branstad-siouxland-farmers-testify-at-epa-hearing>

KOLN/KGIN Ch. 10/11 Lincoln, Neb. - Nebraska Farmers Testify Before EPA on Ethanol Changes (+video) - 12/5/13 - Could an EPA decision make it cost more for Nebraskans to fuel up at the pump? Oil companies and ethanol advocates both say yes, but for different reasons.
<http://www.1011now.com/home/headlines/Nebraska-Farmers-Testify-Before-EPA-on-Ethanol-Changes-234674581.html>

Feedstuffs - EPA gets earful at RFS public hearing - 12/6/13 - For over 12 hours Thursday, the Environmental Protection Agency held a public hearing that offered a platform for interested parties to present data, views and arguments on the proposal to lower the mandated volume obligations under the Renewable Fuels Standards for 2014. <http://feedstuffs.com/story-epa-gets-earful-rfs-public-hearing-45->

Agriculture.com - EPA gets an earful on RFS - 12/5/13 - An EPA hearing in Arlington, Virginia Thursday on its proposal to roll back its mandate for blending ethanol and biodiesel into the nation's fuel supply next year drew bewildered opposition from corn farmers and the biofuels industry and faint praise from oil interest who said it didn't go far enough. http://www.agriculture.com/news/policy/epa-gets-earful-on-rfs_4-ar36006

Brownfield Ag News - EPA hears testimony on proposed RFS changes - 12/5/13 - Several panels testified both for and against the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed changes to the Renewable Fuels Standard. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/epa-hears-testimony-proposed-rfs/>

The Poultry Site - Volatility, Uncertainty Due to RFS Damaging, Says Chicken Council - 12/6/13 - National Chicken Council (NCC) president Mike Brown has called for a permanent Congressional fix at the EPA hearing on 2014 RFS Standards. <http://www.thepoultrysite.com/poultrynews/30836/volatility-uncertainty-due-to-rfs-damaging-says-chicken-council>

Wall Street Journal - Renewable Energy Group Leaders Testify at EPA Hearing on 2014 RFS Proposal - 12/5/13 - Leaders from Renewable Energy Group(R) (NASDAQ: REGI) joined more than two dozen biodiesel advocates in providing testimony at an Environmental Protection Agency hearing on the proposed 2014 Renewable Fuel Standard volumes. <http://online.wsj.com/article/PR-CO-20131205-911355.html>

National Association for Convenience & Fuel Retailing - NACS Participates in RFS Discussion - 12/6/13 - Industry stakeholders from ethanol, oil, livestock, environmental, biofuels, retail and consumer groups took part yesterday in a public hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) volume mandate for 2014. <http://www.nacsonline.com/News/Daily/Pages/ND1206131.aspx>

Agriculture.com - EPA gets an earful on RFS - 12/5/13 - An EPA hearing in Arlington, Virginia Thursday on its proposal to roll back its mandate for blending ethanol and biodiesel into the nation's fuel supply next year drew bewildered opposition from corn farmers and the biofuels industry and faint praise from oil interest who said it didn't go far enough. http://www.agriculture.com/news/policy/epa-gets-earful-on-rfs_4-ar36006

San Antonio Express-News (Texas) - Renewable debate has EPA over a barrel - 12/6/13 - Scores of farmers, politicians, engineers and refiners on Thursday blasted the Obama administration's latest plan for renewable fuels, with Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad accusing the White House of caving to Big Oil and turning its back on rural America. <http://www.mysanantonio.com/business/eagle-ford->

energy/article/Renewable-debate-has-EPA-over-a-barrel-5039614.php

Boston Globe - Letter: This is no time to cut back on ethanol targets - 12/6/13 - Having grown up in Boston, I can understand why the Globe doesn't understand agriculture or ethanol. But having moved away and become familiar with those fly-over states, I now know farmers to be conscientious stewards of the environment looking for value-added markets that can provide feed, fiber, and fuel for all Americans. <http://www.bostonglobe.com/opinion/editorials/2013/12/06/this-time-cut-back-ethanol-targets/eflSUlnhs1D0RI1A1ntlgI/story.html>

The Hill (blog) - EPA fuel mandate imperils biofuel industry, producers warn - 12/6/13 - Advanced biofuel companies say plants will close, risking thousands of lost jobs, if the Environmental Protection Agency proceeds with its proposed renewable fuel mandate. <http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/192138-epa-fuel-mandate-imperils-biofuel-producers>

AgWired - RFS Hearing Goes 12 Hours, Draws Hundreds - 12/6/13 - Over 140 stakeholders testified at a hearing Thursday on the Environmental Protection Agency proposal to lower the biofuels targets under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) in 2014, and those opposed to the plan outnumbered those in favor by a ratio of more than two to one. <http://agwired.com/2013/12/06/rfs-hearing-goes-12-hours-draws-hundreds/>

Ag Professional - Potential impact of alternative RFS outcomes for 2014, 2015 - 12/6/13 - e have had a number of previous farmdoc daily posts discussing the potential problems in implementing the Renewable Fuels Standards (RFS) due to the expanding gap between the implied mandate for renewable biofuels (ethanol) and the E10 blend wall. <http://www.agprofessional.com/news/Potential-impact-of-alternative-RFS-outcomes-for-2014-2015-234605141.html>

ClimateWire - Weak RFS will lead to massive emissions spike -- trade group - 12/5/13 - U.S. EPA's controversial proposed revisions to the federal renewable fuel standard (RFS) could pump up to 35 million additional tons of carbon dioxide into the air from the transportation sector, according to a biotechnology trade group that will testify at a public hearing today. <http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059991327>

Environmental Leader - Frozen Food Industry Backs Fuel Standards, Biofuel Producers Blast EPA Proposal - 12/6/13 - The American Frozen Food Institute has urged the EPA to enact its proposal to slash mandated corn ethanol production by 1.4 billion gallons in 2014 while the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) is warning the agency that the Renewable Fuel Standard proposal will hurt the biofuels industry. <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2013/12/06/frozen-food-industry-backs-fuel-standards-biofuel-producers-blast-epa-proposal/>

Right Side News - EPA Power Plant Regulations: A Backdoor Energy Tax - 12/6/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) proposed greenhouse gas regulations for new power plants, and forthcoming regulations for existing plants, will inflict higher energy costs on American families and businesses. <http://www.rightsidenews.com/2013120633560/life-and-science/energy-and-environment/epa-power-plant-regulations-a-backdoor-energy-tax.html>

National Journal - Green Groups Call on EPA, Interior to Regulate Methane - 12/6/13 - coalition of national and regional environmental organizations and public-health advocates are calling on the Environmental Protection Agency to draft regulations to limit methane emissions and asking the Interior Department to tighten existing regulations to control releases of the greenhouse gas. <http://www.nationaljournal.com/energy/green-groups-call-on-epa-interior-to-regulate-methane-20131205>

Iowa Farmer Today - Iowa coalition to sue over manure spills - 12/5/13 - A coalition of community, environmental and animal welfare organizations has sent a notice of intent to sue Illinois-based The Maschhoffs LLC over repeated discharges of hog manure to waterways from one of its Iowa factory farms. http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/regional/iowa-coalition-to-sue-over-manure-spills/article_5ee57790-5dcb-11e3-b197-0019bb2963f4.html

AgriTalk - EPA Attempts to Set the Record Straight - 12/6/13 - Mike Adams, the host of AgriTalk, treated the Farm Journal Forum 2013 audience to a live interview with Sarah Bittleman, senior agricultural counselor for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and Jack Bobo, senior advisor for biotechnology for the U.S. State Department. The broadcast covered everything from climate change to environmental regulations. http://www.agweb.com/article/epa_attempts_to_set_the_record_straight_NAA_Boyce_Thompson/http://www.agweb.com

Des Moines Register - Dubuque company plans large solar farm in eastern Iowa - 12/5/13 - A Dubuque company plans to build Iowa's largest array of solar panels, tripling the size of what is now the state's biggest solar setup. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/viewart/20131205/BUSINESS/131205004/Dubuque-company-plans-large-solar-farm-eastern-iowa>

Quad-City Times - Towboat salvagers work in frigid weather - 12/6/13 - Workers continue salvage operations Thursday on the towboat Stephen L. Colby on the Mississippi River at LeClaire. With a high temperature only in the 20s, The cold was slowing the work. http://qctimes.com/news/local/towboat-salvagers-work-in-frigid-weather/article_ccad585e-3f41-55f0-afdb-451ef60fca94.html

Lincoln Journal Star - Plan will give Lower Platte South NRD a road map for water use - 12/6/13 - A January public hearing will gather comments on the findings of an 18-month study of water resources in the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District. http://journalstar.com/news/local/plan-will-give-lower-platte-south-nrd-a-road-map/article_e83707b2-c7e5-5f8d-980f-2ab404b87b50.html

St. Louis Business Journal - What 'shadow' expense are Ameren, Google bracing for? - 12/6/13 -
According to a report released Thursday by the nonprofit Climate Disclosure Project, 29 major U.S. companies are including an "internal carbon price" of up to \$60 per ton of emissions in their strategic plans. http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/morning_call/2013/12/what-shadow-expense-are-ameren.html

Fox News - Blowing money around? Wind subsidy under fire as Congress weighs extension - 12/5/13 -
A costly subsidy for wind energy producers is coming under fire as Congress weighs whether to extend it past Dec. 31, with a new study charging that it shifts millions from taxpayers to benefit a select few. <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/12/05/blowing-money-around-wind-subsidy-under-fire-as-congress-weighs-extension/>

Monett Times - Lawsuit with DNR described in Purdy Renewal meeting - 12/5/13 -
"We are in a lawsuit with the state of Missouri over non-compliance," said Purdy Mayor Steve Roden at a meeting of the Purdy Renewal Project on Nov. 21. Roden's comments shed light on months of closed meetings between members of the Purdy City Council and attorneys over the status of the city's sewer system. <http://www.monett-times.com/story/2030536.html>

Lexology - New OSHA emphasis program for EPA toxic chemicals release reporting industries - 12/4/13 -
OSHA has recently announced a new local emphasis program for health inspections of facilities known to have reported the use and "release" of chemicals defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) Section 313 as "toxic chemicals." <http://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=56868a0b-3b94-4331-af15-7dca108b11fc>

Lincoln Journal-Star - Acting director chosen for state environmental department - 12/6/13 -
Pat Rice, a longtime administrator for the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, has been chosen as the agency's new acting director. http://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/nebraska/acting-director-chosen-for-state-environmental-department/article_75780497-977a-59cf-a97f-096a7aea206f.html

Huffington Post - Natural Gas Building Spree Cancels Out Emissions We Save From Leaving Coal Behind: Report - 12/5/13 -
Companies are so excited about cheap natural gas that they're on an expansion spree, which might undo some of the good we've done by switching to the cleaner fuel from coal, a new report says. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/12/05/natural-gas-emissions_n_4392093.html

E&E News Daily - ALEC drafting model resolutions that target carbon rules, solar - 12/5/13 -
A right-leaning group of state legislators is targeting U.S. EPA's forthcoming rules for power plants' carbon dioxide emissions and backing utilities' call for users of rooftop solar panels to pay for using the electric grid, during a three-day summit in Washington, D.C. <http://www.eenews.net/stories/1059991328>

Midwest Energy News - FERC tells Congress pollution rules will hit Midwest hardest - 12/6/13 - Members of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission warned House members Thursday that energy reserves in the Midwest could be pinched the hardest when new U.S. EPA clean air rules take effect in 2016. <http://www.midwestenergynews.com/2013/12/06/ferc-tells-congress-pollution-rules-will-hit-midwest-hardest/>

ClimateWire - Growing corn can be done sustainably. So why isn't it? - 12/5/13 - The tri-state corner of Minnesota, South Dakota and Iowa is marked by rolling hills dotted with trees, a transition between the dry prairies and woodlands. Recently, it has become a laboratory for more sustainable corn, and one research team has found that the processes used can cut carbon emissions by more than half from the national average. <http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059991313/>

Environmental Leader - Can Hacking The Stratosphere Solve Climate Change? - 12/6/13 - The EPA and other federal agencies have released their 2013 Strategic Sustainability Performance Plans that outline steps the agencies will take to reduce carbon emissions and save energy. <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2013/12/06/epa-updates-sustainability-plan/>

BNA - EPA, Corps Say Benefits of Protecting Wetlands, Streams Far Outweigh Costs-12/6/13 - Subjecting an additional 3 percent of U.S. waters and wetlands to Clean Water Act regulation would yield nearly twice as much in benefits as it would cost affected industries, according to a cost-benefit analysis of a draft rule obtained by Bloomberg BNA. http://news.bna.com/deIn/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38628352&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3x1p9h4&split=0

BNA - Coal-Fired Power Plant Closures Threaten Midwest Grid Reliability, FERC Members Say - 12/6/13 - A jump in coal-fired power plant closures, prompted by new environmental rules and conversion to cheap natural gas, appears likely to result in a shortage of electricity generation in the Midwest by 2016. http://news.bna.com/deIn/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38628384&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3x8q4q3&split=0

BNA - Rule on Existing Power Plants Won't Require Carbon Capture Installation, Air Chief Says - 12/6/13 - Forthcoming regulations on carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants will not require the installation of carbon capture and sequestration technologies, the top air official at the Environmental Protection Agency said. http://news.bna.com/deIn/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38628358&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3x2k4x7&split=0

BNA - EPA Science Advisers Express Concerns On Review of Rule for New Power Plants -12/6/13 - Members of the Environmental Protection Agency's Science Advisory Board expressed reservations Dec. 5 about whether the proposed new source performance standards for future power plants had properly

followed peer-review guidelines.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38628365&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3x2q7z0&split=0

BNB - EPA Counters Briefs to Supreme Court Supporting Vacatur of Cross-State Rule -12/6/13 -

The Environmental Protection Agency challenged arguments of industry-labor groups and upwind states in support of an appeals court decision that vacated the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule, telling the Supreme Court their arguments are flawed.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=38628349&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e3w2b7y0&split=0

Inside EPA - FERC Official Warns Of Utility MACT Reliability Concerns - 12/5/13 - Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Commissioner Philip Moeller is urging Congress to closely monitor potential adverse electric grid reliability impacts in 2015 and 2016.

<http://cleanenergyreport.com/201312052454945/Clean-Energy-Report-Blog/Clean-Energy-Wire/ferc-official-warns-of-utility-mact-reliability-concerns/menu-id-204.html>

Inside EPA - Advocates Say Alito's Recusal From CSAPR Suit Leaves Rule's Fate Unclear -12/5/13 -

Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito Jr. will likely recuse himself from litigation over EPA's Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) emissions trading program, but the move does not resolve uncertainty over CSAPR's fate.

<http://insideepa.com/201312052454997/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/advocates-say-alitos-recusal-from-csapr-suit-leaves-rules-fate-unclear/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Delays 'Upset' Emission Decision One Month -12/5/13 - EPA has reached a deal with environmentalists to delay by another month -- from May 15 to June 12 -- its long-pending response to advocates' petition asking the agency to scrap provisions in 36 states' air plans that exempt excess "upset" emissions during startup, shutdown and malfunctions (SSMs) from Clean Air Act penalties.

<http://insideepa.com/201312052454966/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/epa-delays-upset-emission-decision-one-month/menu-id-97.html>

Inside EPA - SAB Suggests Dropping Review Of CCS In Utility NSPS After EPA Pushback -12/5/13 -

Members of EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) are suggesting they will drop their earlier call to review the scientific and technological bases for the agency's decision to effectively mandate carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) in its greenhouse gas (GHG) rule for new power plants.

<http://insideepa.com/201312062455005/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/sab-suggests-dropping-review-of-ccs-in-utility-nsps-after-epa-pushback/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - Critics Urge EPA To Expand GHG Lifecycle Analysis For CCS Requirement -12/5/13 -

EPA is facing early calls from opponents of its greenhouse gas (GHG) rules to broaden its analysis of the GHG effects of carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) as a method of complying with its proposed rule governing new power plants.

<http://insideepa.com/201312052454998/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/critics-urge-epa-to-expand-ghg-lifecycle-analysis-for-ccs-requirement/menu-id-95.html>

Environmentalists Defend CSAPR Cost-Benefit Criteria In High Court Fight -12/5/13 -

Environmentalists are defending EPA's use of cost-effectiveness criteria in its contested Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) interstate air pollution trading program ahead of Dec. 10 Supreme Court arguments over the rule. <http://insideepa.com/201312052454882/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/environmentalists-defend-csapr-cost-benefit-criteria-in-high-court-fight/menu-id-95.html>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

Media Advisory: Trailnet, EPA Launch St. Louis Environmental Justice Project – 12/6/13 – Contact:
David Bryan, 7433

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

12/9/13 – Region 7 Senior Management Retreat, National Archives at Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Wendy Lubbe, 7551

12/10/13 – Trailnet EJ Small Grant Event, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Brendan Corrazin, 7429

12/10/13 – Choteau Gateway Discussion with St. Louis Mayor, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

***12/12/13** – Meet with representatives from Syntex Agribusiness, Regional Office. Contact: Cecilia Tapia, 7733

***12/12/13** – Meet with representatives from Republic Services, Regional Office. Contact: Cecilia Tapia, 7733

12/13/13 – MDNR All Hands Meeting – Guest Speaker, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

12/16/13 – Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

12/16/13 – West Lake Landfill CAG Meeting, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Hattie Thomas, 7762

12/18/13 – Missouri Agribusiness Association Annual Convention, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

12/19/13 – Four State Directors Meeting, Regional Office, Wendy Lubbe, 7551

DRA:

12/5-6/13 – Executive Management Council, Washington DC. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

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RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

12/12/2013 – Attending outreach session with Iowa Utilities on Carbon Pollution Standards, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Mark Smith, 7876

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

12/10/13 – EJ Small Grant Event (Trailnet, Inc.), St. Louis, MO. Contact: Brendan Corazzin, 7429

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

None

SUPR

None

WWPD

12/9-12/13 – NPDES Program Improvements Strategy and Priority Meeting, EPA Region 5, Chicago, Ill. Contact: Glenn Curtis, 7726

12/9-12/13 – Sanitary Survey, Blackbird Bend Casino; Investigation and Compliance at various facilities in Nebraska, Sioux City, Iowa. Contact: Kim Willis, 7069

12/10/13 – Missouri Nutrient Reduction Strategy Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Bob Angelo, 7060

12/10/13 – Grand Lake Alliance Meeting, Joplin, Mo. Contact: Tabatha Adkins, 7128

12/10-11/13 – Iowa State Revolving Fund Review, Des Moines Iowa. Contact: Christopher Simmons, 7237, Nancy Healy, 7713

12/10/13 – Choteau Gateway Discussion with St. Louis Mayor, St. Louis, Mo. Contacts: Karen Flournoy, 7782, Kerry Herndon, 7286

12/11-12/13 – EPA/Iowa Department of Natural Resources Source Water Protection With Focus on Nutrients Workshop, Atlantic City, Iowa. Contact: Morris Holmes, 7421

12/10-11/13 – Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Set-Aside Review / Public Water System Supervision meeting, Des Moines, Ia. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

12/10-11/13 – University of Iowa Extreme Weather Conference, Des Moines, Ia. Contact: Stan Calow, 7410

12/16/13 – Environmental Protection Agency / Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Public Water System Supervision meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

12/18/13 – Area Wide Drinking Water Optimization meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

